Broadcasts in Southern Languages in the External Services

3212. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the languages of the South in which External Services are broadcast direct to Africa, South Asia and East Asia and other regions;

(b) their timings and wave-lengths;

(c) whether these broadcasts can be heard in Delhi; and

(d) if so, on what wave-lengths?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BRAOADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Tamil and Telugu;

(b) Their timings and wave-lengths are as under:

Service	Timings	Frequency (Band)	Target area
Tamil	0530—0615 hrs.	1134 (MW) 9705 (31m) 11880 (25m) 15165 (19m) 4990 (60m)	East and South East
—	1700 - 1800 hrs.	15335 (19m) 15275 (19m) 17387 (16m) 17850 (16m)	South and South East Asia
Telugu	0415—0445 hrs.	9535 (31m) 11745 (25m) 15110 (19m)	East and South East Asia

(c) No, Sir; and

(d) Does not arise.

News Bulletins Broadcast from Delhi in Regional Languages

3213. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the news bulletins broadcast on AIR from Delhi in regional languages can be heard in Delhi also; and

(b) if so, what are the medium and shortwave metres as wave-lengths on which they can be heard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The Regional News Bulletins in Punjabi and Urdu carried by Delhi on Medium Wave bands of Delhi 'A' on 819 KHz and 366.3 Metres and Delhi 'B' on 666KHz and 450.5 Metres can be heard in Delhi. The other regional language bulletins are broadcast on Short Wave frequencies and are not expected to be received in Delhi.

Posts lying Vacant in the Bureau of Police Research and Development

3214. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of posts are lyng vacant in the office of